

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/564,048

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Dixomara Vargas

Art Unit

2859

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Dixomara Vargas.

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(2) Thomas E Kocovsky.

(4)_____.

Date of Interview: 10 April 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-27.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 20040133098, US 6842638, US 5560360, US 5271399 and US 6240311.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant's representative pointed out that the references cited by the examiner (US 20040133098, US 6842638, US 5560360, US 5271399 and US 6240311) regarding the use of the black blood technique does not anticipate the claimed invention as amended since the prior art applies said technique during the measuring procedure of the echoes in the patient. However, in the instant application, according to the claim language as amended, the black blood technique is applied prior to the measuring procedure as a preparatory technique in order to avoid artifacts during the measuring procedure.